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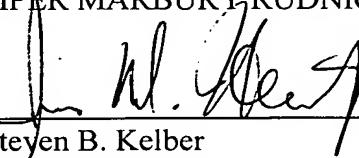
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examination on the merits, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

*a1* 12. (Amended) The rib of Claim 11, wherein the notch has a semicircular cross sectional shape and the high modulus material is in the form of a curved rod with a circular cross sectional shape.

*a2* 27. (Amended) The tank of Claim 26, wherein the notch has a semicircular-cross sectional shape and the high modulus material is in the form of a curved rod with a circular cross sectional shape.

28. (Amended) The tank of Claim 26, wherein the high modulus material comprises a reinforcing bar.

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